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Applicant(s): Engelhardt et al.)
Serial No.: 08/479,997)
Filed: June 7, 1995)
For: OLIGO- OR POLYNUCLEOTIDES, AND OTHER)
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING PHOSPHATE-)
MOIETY LABELED NUCLEOTIDES)
(As Previously Amended))

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Scott W. Houtteman

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**COMMUNICATION
(TO PROVIDE RECORD OF THE SUBSTANCE
OF THE JULY 9, 2001 INTERVIEW)**

Dear Sirs:

Through their attorney and representative, Ronald C. Fedus and Richard L. DeLucia, Esq.,¹ respectively, Applicants are filing this Communication in order to provide a written record of the substance of the July 9, 2001 interview held with Examiner Scott Houtteman, Group Art Unit 1656, in connection with the above-identified application. Only the afore-named Examiner Houtteman, Mr. DeLucia and Mr. Fedus participated in the interview. A copy of the Interview Summary issued by the Examiner is attached to this Communication as Exhibit A.

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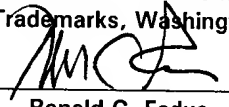
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